

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

**Thursday, February 20, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall, Basement Conference Room,
45 South Main Street, Wallingford, Connecticut**

AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes**, Nov. 14, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
- B. Minutes**, Special Meeting, Dec. 12, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

2. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

A. Tyler Mill Preserve

- 1. DEP Recreational Trails Grant Program - parking lots, entranceways, and kiosks
- 2. Footbridges – update, D. Saunders
- 3. Forest Edge Habitat Project – D. Saunders
 - a. Draft letter to DEEP
 - b. Other
- 4. Pink Trail crossing – M. Heffernon
- 5. Gold Trail – quote, D. Saunders
- 6. Management of tamaracks – request to IWWC

B. Fresh Meadows

- 1. Trails Program – status
 - a. Meeting with Mayor - report
 - b. Meeting – Mayor, Departments, and Commissioners, Feb. 19, 2 p.m.
- 2. Mowing

C. 1250 Whirlwind Hill Road – mowing

D. Invasive Species Eradication

- 1. Long-term invasive species management program - update, D. Saunders

E. Bamboo

- 1. Beseck Meadow - status

3. PROPERTY ACQUISITION

A. Property in southern part of town

B. Other properties

4. FARMLAND LEASE PROPERTIES PROGRAM

A. Farmland Lease Cycle - 2014-2018

- 1. Bid waiver (Field 8B & Fields 9B & 9C together) – Town Council approval, 1/14/14
- 2. Field 5A and Field 7A
- 3. Field 12A – gate to access Field 9B

B. Farmland Committee

- 1. Monitoring reports
- 2. Draft proposed bid document for Field 5A and Field 7A

C. Property issues

- 1. Field 3A - encroachment
- 2. Field 2A – fence & signage
- 3. Field 7D - gate

5. BUDGET FY 14-15

A. Discussion – line item: “Purchased Services-Natural Resources”

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6. PUBLIC OUTREACH

- A. 2014 CT Trails Day Weekend**, Tyler Mill Preserve, Green Trail – Family Hike (geared to ages 5-12) - June 7, 10:00 -12:00 am. (rain date, June 8)
- B. Fall program**

7. OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE

- A. Revisions:** “Vision Statement”, “Purpose”, & “Open Space Defined”
- B. Interdepartmental coordination**

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

9. ANNUAL REPORT – M. Heffernon

10. LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

- A. Proposed bamboo bill #70 & #71**
- B. Other**

11. CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

- A. Town Dog Park Proposal**, off Quinnipiac Street - status
- B. CT Land Conservation Council – Conference**, Wesleyan University, Middletown, March 15, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (optional, 6:p.m.) - registration
- C. CT Land Conservation Council - membership**
- D. CT Federation of Lakes – correspondence and brochure**
- E. League of Women Voters Cheshire Wallingford & Wallingford Public Library – panel discussion-** “Women and Water”, Community Room, Library, Sat., Feb. 22, 1-3 p.m.
- F. CFPA – membership**
- G. CFPA, “Building Walking Opportunities in the Town of Wallingford”**
- H. New England National Scenic Trail 2013 Annual Report**
- I. Vernal pool inventory proposal, Connecticut Ecosystems, LLC**
- J. CACIWC – newsletter, “The Habitat”, Winter 2014**

12. NEXT MEETING – March 13, 2014

13. ADJOURNMENT

Individuals in need of auxiliary aids for the effective communication in programs and services of the Town of Wallingford are invited to make their needs and preferences known to the ADA Compliance Coordinator at 203-294-2070 five days prior.